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2. (amended) The container of claim 1 wherein said non-liquid edible substance further defines a substance of one of the following group of substances comprising a particulate substance, a candy powder substance, a candy bead substance, a substantially hard candy substance, a lollipop type candy substance, a particulate substance and a solid form substance, a candy powder substance and a substantially hard candy substance, a particulate substance and a lollipop type candy substance, and a candy powder substance and lollipop type candy substance and wherein said edible particulate substance further defines a substance of one of the following group of substances comprising an edible powder substance, a candy powder substance, and a candy bead substance.

A⁴ 4. (amended) The container of claim 3 wherein said container includes a lollipop type candy within said container and wherein said lollipop type candy is removable from said container by passing said lollipop type candy through said funnel.

A³ 8. (amended) A container defining an inner cavity and an open opening and wherein said container contains a substance and wherein said container inhibits the spillage of said substance when said container is oriented in any position and wherein said substance defines a substance of one of the following group of substances comprising a non-liquid edible substance, an edible particulate substance and a candy substance.

9. (amended) The container of claim 8 wherein said non-liquid edible substance further defines a substance of one of the following group of substances comprising a particulate substance, a candy powder substance, a candy bead substance, a substantially hard candy substance, a lollipop type candy substance, a particulate substance and a solid form substance, a candy powder substance and a substantially hard candy substance, a particulate substance and a lollipop type candy substance, and a candy powder substance and lollipop type candy substance and wherein said edible particulate substance further defines a substance of one of the following group of substances comprising an edible powder substance, a candy powder substance, and a candy bead substance.

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21. (amended) The container of claim 10 wherein said container includes a lollipop type candy within said container and wherein said lollipop type candy is removable from said container by passing said lollipop type candy through said funnel.
21. A container defining an inner cavity and a funnel extending into said inner cavity, wherein said container contains an edible fluent non-gaseous substance and wherein said container at least partially contains a removable unit of substantially solid confectionery material.
22. The container of claim 21 wherein said fluent non-gaseous substance further defines a substance of one of the following group of substances comprising a particulate substance, a granular substance, a powder substance, a candy powder substance, a candy bead substance.
23. The container of claim 21 wherein said container inhibits the spillage of said substance when said container is oriented in any position.
24. The container of claim 21 wherein said funnel includes an inner opening and wherein said inner opening is located near the center of said container.
25. The container of claim 21 wherein said unit of substantially solid confectionery material further defines a lollipop having a substantially solid edible candy portion and a handle portion.

Remarks

Claims 1-14 remain in this application. Claims 15-20 have been deleted and claims 21-25 have been added. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

This transmittal is presented in response to the first office action and is believed to completely resolve each issue as raised by the examiner. Applicants believe the claims as amended to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from all prior art.